

Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1, 4, 7 and 10 have been amended. Claims 3 and 9 have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 10-13 are presented for examination.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 3-5 and 7-9 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 6-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yamada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,288,750). Further, claims 2, 8, and 12013 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by Yamada. Applicant submits that the above-rejections have been obviated by the amendment of the claims to conform to the allowable subject matter indicated in the Office Action.

Therefore, applicant submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.


The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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